

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LIBREV 01797 051915Z

64

ACTION IO-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-06 ARA-06 EA-07 EUR-12 NEA-10

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-05 OMB-01 /104 W

----- 013367

R 051511Z NOV 75

FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7050

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1797

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN, ST

SUBJ: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA -- SAO TOME

REF: STATE 259571

1. TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING NOVEMBER 5 WITH GSTP
PRIMIN TROVOADA TO REVIEW BRIEFLY KOREAN QUESTION AT
UNGA.

2. WHEN I EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT GSTP VOTES (USUN 5462)
HAD RESOLUTELY SUPPORTED NORTH KOREAN THESIS RATHER
THAN SEEKING BALANCED POSITION, TROVOADA DEFENDED
GSTP STANCE ON BASIS FACT THEY CURRENTLY HAVE DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS ONLY WITH DPRK. DURING PRE-INDEPENDENCE
LIBERATION STRUGGLE, TROVOADA SAID, NORTH KOREANS HAD
BEEN CONSISTENTLY SYMPATHETIC TO MLSTP CAUSE WHILE
SOUTH KOREANS HAD TENDED TO SUPPORT PORTUGUESE POSITION.
IT WAS THUS NATURAL FOR GSTP TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS
PROMPTLY WITH DPRK UPON INDEPENDENCE AND TO MOVE MORE
SLOWLY WITH REGARD TO ROK. ROK AMBASSADOR KIM IS
CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND HAS VISITED STP SEVERAL TIMES,
BUT THERE ARE AS YET NO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LIBREV 01797 051915Z

TWO COUNTRIES.

3. I REVIEWED IN DEPTH KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO RESOLUTIONS AND REASONS WHY WE FELT STRONGLY THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION OFFERED GREATEST PROSPECTS FOR LASTING PEACE IN KOREAN PENINSULA. I STRESSED NORTH KOREAN UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ROK AS PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS, POINT WHICH SEEMED TO IMPRESS TROVOADA THOUGH HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.

4. COMMENT: ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GSTP AND ROK--WHICH WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM AMBASSADOR KIM WERE FAIT ACCOMPLI--MAKES TASK OF SHIFTING GSTP VOTE MORE DIFFICULT THAN EVER. TROVOADA GAVE NO INDICATION ANY FLEXIBILITY IN GSTP POSITION, WHICH HE GROUNDED SOLIDLY ON FACT OF GRATITUDE FOR DPRK SUPPORT THROUGH YEARS OF LIBERATION EFFORT.

5. IN ADDITION, IT WAS CLEAR IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION THAT TROVOADA HAS ONLY MINIMAL CONTACT WITH HIS DELEGATE IN NEW YORK SO THAT FRESH INSTRUCTIONS FROM STP ON ANY SUBJECT VERY UNLIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING IN COURSE OF SESSION.

6. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, CAN ONLY REITERATE THAT BEST RESULT OBTAINABLE FROM GSTP WOULD PROBABLY BE ABSENCE AT TIME OF PLENARY VOTE AND SUGGEST THAT USUN WORK THROUGH FRIENDLY AFRICAN DELEGATIONS IN HOPE OF BRINGING THIS ABOUT. STEIGMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TERRITORIAL REVERSION, VOTING, UNGA RESOLUTIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, POLITICAL PATRONAGE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: buchantr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LIBREV01797
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750385-0198
From: LIBREVILLE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751173/aaaacmyr.tel
Line Count: 90
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 259571
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchantr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <22 OCT 2003 by buchantr>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA -- SAO TOME
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN, TP, UNGA
To: STATE USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006